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CARVER MAN FOUND GUILTY OF SCHEMING TO STEAL \$1.1 MILLION FROM ELDERLY VICTIM

PLYMOUTH – A Carver man who orchestrated a scheme to defraud an elderly neighbor of \$1.1 million has been convicted, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

After a 7-day, jury-waived trial before Judge Christopher Muse in Plymouth Superior Court, 46-year-old Jamie M. Ferreira was found guilty today of five counts of Larceny Over \$250 by False Pretense, two counts of Altering a Lottery Ticket and one count each of Forgery and Uttering a Check.

The convictions stem from an elaborate scheme devised by Ferreira to convince the victim to give him substantial loans totaling approximately \$1.1 million between 2005 and 2011. The scheme was based on bogus collateral, including a fake \$4 million dollar winning lottery ticket, false promissory note, and fake lawsuit settlement check. Ferreira went so far that in 2010, he created a fictitious mystery man supposedly associated with a car dealership that the victim knew only by phone. Ferreira then helped convince the victim to give him more than \$40,000 towards the purchase of a fictitious Cadillac.

Ferreira has been taken into custody and will be sentenced Tuesday, May 16th at 2 pm at the Plymouth Superior Court.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Russ Eonas and Stacey Gauthier. The Carver Police Department, Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office, Plymouth County Sheriff's Department, and Office of the Massachusetts State Lottery participated in the investigation.